

# Wisconsin Farm to School

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

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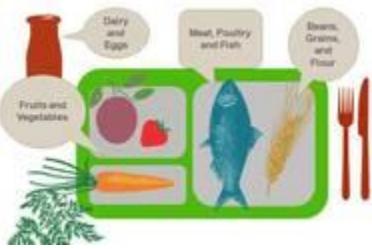


*Happy spring!*

## General Updates

**UPDATED WI FARM TO SCHOOL TOOLKIT FOR SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS  
ONLINE NOW**

The [WI Farm to School Toolkits](#) provides you with all the tools you need to create a successful farm to school program in your community. These toolkits are interactive, and contain a wealth of information. The recently updated toolkit includes many brand new



The [Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has a new Farm to School website](#). The new website is chock full of information on farm to school, including food safety, local food procurement, recipes, menu planning, and so much more.

### The Healthy Lunchtime Challenge is back

First Lady Michelle Obama is again teaming up with the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Epicurious to host a nationwide recipe challenge to promote cooking and healthy eating among America's youth. [Click here for more information about the Healthy Lunchtime Challenge and to submit your recipe.](#)

## Webinars, Conferences and Events

### USDA Bi-Monthly Webinar Series

From January to June 2014, the USDA Farm to School Program will host two webinars per month on various aspects of local procurement. The webinars will be held at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, and will include guest speakers from state agencies and school districts. For more information and to register, please visit the [webinar series website](#).

### Healthy Food For All Summit – Neenah, Wisconsin

Please join us on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at the Bridgewood Resort and Conference Center in Neenah, Wisconsin. An evening pre-summit on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 will be offered at the same location from 6:00-9:00pm.

### 4th Annual Community Initiatives in Sustainable Agriculture Conference – Appleton, WI

The **Community Initiatives in Sustainable Agriculture (CISA)** Conference is being held April 11-12, 2014 at Lawrence University in Appleton, WI. The conference is aimed at young people who are interested in sustainable agriculture, and everyone is welcome. The conference will build confidence in sustainable agriculture as a viable and worthwhile pursuit.

### **Food Sovereignty Summit – Green Bay, WI**

Please join the Oneida Nation, First Nations Development Institute, the Intertribal Agriculture Council, and Northeast Wisconsin Technical College on April 14-17 at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Green Bay. This is a forum for sharing and collaboration to build healthy food systems within our communities.

### **School Garden and Garden Based Education Training (Wisconsin)**

This spring, in partnership with Community GroundWorks of Madison, Wellspring Education Center and Organic Farm will be hosting free school gardens and garden based education trainings for teachers as well as interested community members. **Continuing Education Units available for early childhood educators.** While free, spots are limited. Please RSVP to [wellspringeducation@gmail.com](mailto:wellspringeducation@gmail.com) or by calling (847) 946-5565. **Tuesday, May 6th – 6 to 8 pm and Thursday, March 6th – 6 to 8 pm events.**

Location: Wellspring Education Center and Organic Farm  
4382 Hickory Rd. West Bend, WI 53090  
[www.wellspringinc.org](http://www.wellspringinc.org)

## **Farm to School Job Openings**

### **Program and Operations Manager with the Milwaukee Victory Gardens Initiative – due April 15**

The Program and Operations Manager is responsible for developing, implementing, and evaluating high quality programming for Victory Garden Initiative, bringing the organization's mission and vision to fruition. The Program Manager works with other program staff to ensure all programs meet their goals and contribute to Victory Garden Initiative's excellent reputation in the community.

### **Senior Associate, Kids Safe and Healthful Foods at The Pew Charitable Trusts**

This position, based in Pew's Washington, D.C. office, will report to the project director of the Kids' Safe and Healthful Foods Project.

### **SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY: Garden Program Senior Counselor**

**Lake Valley Camp**, a non-profit serving youth ages 7-17 from underserved neighborhoods in Milwaukee, WI is seeking a **Garden Program Senior Counselor**. The Counselor fully assists in the implementation of our Garden and Food Education Program as part of our summer camp activities located in Boscobel, WI. This position provides summer long support and guidance to 17 year-old leadership trainees working in the garden (Garden Assistants) and serves as a co- lead instructor in the garden and cooking classes for youth ages 9 -14.

Apply Now <http://www.lakevalleycamp.org/join-our-team>

[twelland@lakevalleycamp.org](mailto:twelland@lakevalleycamp.org)

## Farm to School Media Mentions

### Healthiest Manitowoc County

<http://www.htrnews.com/article/20140317/MAN0101/303180138/Manitowoc-Two-Rivers-Y-event-promotes-area-food-producers>

## Farm to School Funding Opportunities

### USDA Announces Fiscal Year 2015 Farm to School Grants to Continue Efforts to Increase Local Foods in Eligible Schools

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced the release of a request for applications for the third round of USDA's Farm to School grants, including the addition of a new funding track. These grants help eligible schools improve the health and wellbeing of their students and connect with local agricultural producers.

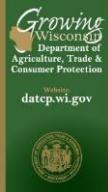
### Seeds of Change Grant – due March 31

Seeds of Change is awarding 17 organizations a total of \$190,000 to support garden and farm programs.

### School Grants for Healthy Kids – due May 2, 2014

Action for Healthy Kids welcomes schools to apply for 2014 -2015 School Grants for Healthy Kids. The grants are funded by our partners CSX Transportation, Kellogg Company, Kellogg's Corporate Citizenship Fund (and more!) and will range from 500 to 5,000 dollars. The funding is designed to help schools create or expand school breakfast programs, pilot universal breakfast programs or enhance their physical activity programs.

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